

COUNTY OF YORK

MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 24, 2004 (BOS Mtg. 12/7/04)

TO: York County Board of Supervisors

FROM: James O. McReynolds, County Administrator

SUBJECT: Virginia Marine Resources Commission Grant

It is my pleasure to report that the County has been awarded additional grant funding in the amount of \$215,767 from the Virginia Marine Resources Commission (VMRC) in support of the Smith Landing Waterfront Improvements Project, for a total grant award of \$525,750. This was the largest grant awarded in 2004 by the VMRC for a public access project. When making its recommendation for this award, the Virginia Recreational Fishing Advisory Board (VRFAB) made note of the strong support the project received from the public and the Board of Supervisors through their attendance and comments at their public meetings. In addition, they complimented staff for doing excellent work on the grant application materials and presentations, and responding in a timely manner to its requests for additional information about the project.

The grant requires a 25 percent match of County funds, which are already appropriated in the FY2005 CIP for the project. The conditions of the grant program also specify that this is a reimbursable grant whereby the County will have to pay the entire cost of the project before receiving the VMRC grant funds.

The improvements planned for Smith Landing include replacing the boat launching ramps, courtesy docks and fishing pier, adding lighting and spaces to the parking lot, and re-directing the traffic flow.

Proposed Resolution R04-170 accepts and appropriates this additional grant funding from the Virginia Saltwater Recreational Fishing Development Fund and authorizes the County Administrator to execute the grant agreement. I recommend approval of proposed Resolution R04-170.

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Attachment:

- Proposed Resolution R04-170